

Amendments to the Specification:

In the specification after "Field of the Invention", replace the first paragraph with the following [see Office Action, page 2, under "Priority"]:

The present invention relates to pharmaceutical compositions and methods for the treatment of irritable bowel disease (IBD) [also termed: irritable bowel syndrome (IBS)]; more particularly for the treatment of diarrhea-predominant IBD. This application is a Division of US application Serial No. 10/209,638, filed August 8, 2002, now US Patent No. 6,664,270, which itself is a Division of US application Serial No. 09/987,694, filed November 15, 2001, now US Patent No. 6,458,795.